New All India Service for AIR and Doordarshan

2675. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to create a new all-India organised Group 'A' Service for the Programme Officers/cadres of All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and time it would take to notify the said service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to constitute a new Group 'A' Central Service, called the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service with comparable grades and scales found in other similar non-technical Central Services.

The new Service will have separate cadres for All India Radio and Doordarshan and separate sub-cadres within the media to meet the needs of programme management and programme production functions. A feature of the proposed Service is that it will offer scope for individual officers to achieve specialisation according to their personal preferences. The initial recruitment to the service will be in the junior time scale (Rs. 700-1300) through Union Public Service Commission.

The Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service will come into effect when the rules therefor are notified. After approval by Department of Personnel, the rules have been referred to the Union Public Service Commission for approval. It is, however, difficult to specify the exact date by which the Service will come into effect.

Appointment of Director General All India Radio

2676. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a copy of the Supreme Court judgement delivered recently in connection with the appointment of Director General, All India Radio;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same would be laid on the table; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the light of Supreme Court's direction that the eligible persons may be considered after the present incumbent vacates office on 3-3-1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy of the Supreme Court judgement is attached (*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 120).

(c) Action for filling up the post of Director General, All India Radio is under process.

Formulation of liberal software policy

2677. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a liberal software policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Government have recently formulated and announced policy on 'Computer Software Export, Software Development and Training.' Copy of the policy is enclosed.

[*See* Appendix CXLI annexure No. 121].

Security press in Tamil Nadu

2678. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to establish more security presses; and

(b) if so, whether one such security is being established in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

न्यू बैंक में भ्रष्टाचार

2679. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25-31 जनवरी 1987 के दिनमान साप्ताहिक में न्यू बैंक में "भ्रष्टाचार" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित लेख की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या लेख में उल्लिखित तथ्यों पर कोई कार्यवाही की गयी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि 1986 में रिजर्व बैंक के केन्द्रीय कार्यालय बम्बई ने न्यू बैंक में सांविधिक तरलता अनुपात में हो रही धांधली के मामले की जांच के लिये अधिकारियों को नियुक्त किया था;

(घ) क्या इस संबंध में रिजर्व बैंक के अधिकारियों ने कोई जांच की है यदि हां, तो उनकी रिपोर्ट पर क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है; और

(ङ) न्यू बैंक में सांविधिक तरलता अनुपात की क्या स्थिति है यदि उक्त अनुपात में गिरावट आयी है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसको ठीक करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (ङ) इस मामले को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के साथ उठाया गया है और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने अपनी रिपोर्ट को अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया है। यथा उपलब्ध और कानूनों के अनुसार अनुज्ञेय सूचना सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Government response to Soviet Offer of Nuclear Plant

2680. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 2316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the discussion with the Soviet authorities on the Soviet offer of assistance in the setting up of a nucler power plant in India;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether the offer is being examined by a group of experts led by Professor Mr. G. K. Menon, Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A Group headed by Prof. M.G.K. Menon, Member, Planning Commission, and Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister is looking into the Soviet Offer of assistance in the construction of a nuclear power plant.

Supply of nine mirage-2000 aircraft by France

2681. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of French Ambassador, Mr. Jean Benard Merimee, that France would soon supply the remaining nine Mirage-2000 fighter aircrafts to India, if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): Government have seen press reports in this regard. It would not be in the public interest to disclose any further details.